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HIS Majesty has been pleased to cause His Royal Proclamation to be issued, For Enforcing the due Execution of the Act of Parliament, Entituled, *An Act for Settling the Profits of the Post-Office on His Royal Highness the Duke of* York, *and His Heirs Males, and for Prevention of Treasonable Correspondencies,* and other Inconveniencies arising by the Infringement of the said Act.

CHARLES R.

WHereas the Office of Post-Master General hath been Erected by Act of Parliament, in the Twelfth year of His Majesties Reign, and the well Ordering thereof is thereby Declared to be a matter of general concernment, and of great advantage, as well for Preservation of Trade and Commerce, as otherwise; And whereas also the greatest part of the Revenue and Profits thereby arising, is by one other Act of Parliament in the Fifteenth Year of His Majesties Reign, Granted and Assigned by His Majesty unto His most entirely beloved Brother, James Duke of York, for and towards his Maintenance and Support; Which Laws and Statutes notwithstanding, several Persons for their private Lucre have lately practised, and do still continue in a secret and most unlawful manner to make a general Collection of Letters, and to give them Conveyance and Delivery for Hire, without any Authority from the Post-Master General, whereby not only the Revenue arising by the said Office is diminished, but likewise several dangerous Correspondencies are maintained, and the Seditious Designs of many evil disposed Persons, and the Treasons of the late Conspirators are very much promoted: His Majesty therefore, for the prevention hereof in time to come, and to the end that such persons who shall presume hereafter to offend in like manner, may remain without all excuse, hath thought fit by His Royal Proclamation to Require and Enjoyn all His Loving Subjects, and doth hereby strictly Charge and Command all and every Person and Persons (other than the Post-Master [illegible] the time being, his Deputies or Assigns) That they presume not, either directly or indirectly, to set up any Office, or to Contrive or Practise any way or means for Collecting and Receiving of Letters and Pacquets, or to Carry, Recarry, or Deliver the same with Speed and for Hire: And to this end His Majesty doth further Require and Command them and every of them, That they presume not to set up any Foot-Post, Horse-Post, Post or Stage-Coach, or Pacquet-Boat, for Carrying, or Recarrying of Letters or Pacquets, or to imploy or make use of any which shall be set up for that purpose, other than such as shall be Licensed and Authorized by the Post-Master General for the time being, his Deputies or Assigns. And because several Carriers, Drivers of Stage-Coaches, or Waggons, Haglers, Masters of Ships, Pursers, or other Mariners, do very often under colour and pretence of their respective Imployments, intermeddle with, and intrude upon the Office of the Post-Master General; His Majesty doth hereby more particularly and expresly Charge and Command all Carriers, That they presume not to carry any Letters other then such as shall concern the Goods wherewith they are Charged, beyond the first Post-Stage to which they shall arrive, and that they presume not to outgo their Packs or Waggons, or deliver any Letters which they carry, sooner, or with more speed then their respective Packs or Waggons shall arrive. And His Majesty doth in like manner Charge and Command all Drivers of Stage-Coaches, Haglers, and such like Persons, That they presume not in any kind, or upon any pretence whatsoever to intermeddle with the Conveyance and Delivery of any Letters as aforesaid; But that they do from time to time refuse all such Letters which shall be so tendred to them. And His Majesty doth also Charge and Command all Masters of Ships, Pursers and Mariners, That they presume not to carry any Ship-Letters, other than the Letters of Merchants, Owners and Masters, beyond the first Post-Stage to which they shall arrive in England. And if any Carriers, Drivers of Stage-Coaches, Haglers, Masters of Ships, Pursers, or other Mariners, shall be found Carrying of Letters unlawfully, or in any other manner, they shall incur His Majesties high Displeasure, and suffer the utmost Penalty which can be Inflicted upon such as shall be found to have broken His Majesties Laws, and to be willful Contemners of His Royal Command; And moreover all Letters [illegible] Sent or Conveyed by such Clandestine and Indirect [illegible], and by Persons not lawfully Authorized, shall be looked upon as Letters of Dangerous Consequence, and shall accordingly be Seized and brought to one of His Majesties Principal Secretaries of State, or to some one or more of the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, to the end the same may be opened and inspected, and the Persons conveying or sending them may be proceeded against according to Law. And for the better Execution of His Majesties Command, and as a means as well to prevent the said Treasonable Correspondencies, and other Inconveniencies, as to Secure the Revenue arising by the said Office, His Majesty will cause such Searchers, Waiters, and other Officers to be appointed in all convenient Places, as may be fit and proper for the Discovery of such Practices, and carrying such Letters to be Seized, and such Offenders Names to be certified. And in the mean time His Majesty doth strictly Charge and Command all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, Constables, Bayliffs, Searchers of His Majesties Ports, and all other His Officers and Ministers whatsoever within their several Jurisdictions and Offices, from time to time to make diligent Search for all Mailes, Buggets, and Bagge in any Ship, Vessel, Waggon, Coach, or other Unlawful or Unlicensed Carriage; And all such Letters which they find to be conveyed or carried contrary to Law, to Seize and send up to one of His Majesties Principal Secretaries of State, or to some or more of the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, together with the Names of the Persons Offending, to the end such further Proceeding may be had, as shall be found agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of the Realm. And that no man hereafter may complain for want of a Settled Post in or near particular By-Towns, or Places lying on the Post Road, which Complaint hath hitherto been made the excuse or pretence for sending and carrying of Letters by other indirect and unlawful Conveyances: His Majesty doth hereby also Require, and Command the Post-Master General for the time being, That upon or before the Fourteenth day of September next, to take effectual care for the Conveyance of all By-Letters by Establishing Correspondencies at the least Charge, and greatest ease that may be to the Country, in all considerable Market-Towns with the next adjacent Post-Stage; And that he cause a Map or Card thereof to be forthwith Printed, to the end that all His Majesties Subjects may know where, and to what Place to address their respective Letters. And His Majesty doth further Charge and Command all and every Person or Persons other than the Post-Master General for the time being, his Deputies or Assigns, That they presume not to prepare or provide any Horses or Furniture to let to Hire unto, or in all or any the Through Posts, and Persons Riding Post by Commission, or without, to and from all and every the Parts and Places of England, Scotland, and Ireland, where any Post-Roads are or shall be Settled and Established, unless the Post-Master General, his Deputies or Assigns, shall first fail to Provide and Furnish the Person or Persons so Riding Post with sufficient Horses and Furniture, within the space of half an hour after Demand thereof made, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils.

Given at Our Court at Windsor the 25th of August 1683, In the Five and thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

Whitehall

Whitehall, September 1. The following Addresses having been presented to His Majesty, His Majesty was pleased to receive them very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of William *Lord* Allington, *Constable of Your Majesties Tower of* London, *Together with the Deputy Lieutenants, and Commissioned Officers of the* Tower-Hamlets.

WE Your Majesties Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, having had long Conversation in these Hamlets, have observed the Factious and Desperate Humors, which have been here nourished by the numerous Conventicles, which have lately been in these Places, and do believe they wanted nothing but an Opportunity to destroy Your Majesty and your Government. We have been as watchful over them, as was possible, to prevent open Force, but none but God himself could have disappointed this secret Conspiracy to Assassinate your Majesty and Your Dearest Brother; for which Mercy we shall for ever bless his holy Name: They well knew that Farr Blow would have put Your Kingdom into so great a Consternation, that your Arms, with which your Majesty hath pleased to intrust us, would have been useless, for after we had lost our Dear Soveraign and His Royal Brother, what was left us to Contend for; but blessed be God that You are both safe, and well on this side the Grave; and although your Majesties Sword in our Hand is not to be drawn until You please to command it, yet certainly God's Sword in your Majesties Hand ought to be unsheathed to cut short the hopes of these wicked Villains and Traitors; Your Majesties Indulgence to them as it hath given them Confidence, so it hath left them without Excuse: We therefore hope that by Your Majesties Wisdom the Plots and Persons of these wicked Conspirators will be fully detected and discovered in a little time, and that Your Sword of Justice shall be imploy'd to give them their Demerits: And we Your Majesties Subjects and Soldiers shall be always ready in the adventering of our Lives and Fortunes to make use of the Arms which You have put into our Hands, to Defend Your Sacred Person, Your Dearest Brother, and Royal Family, and Your Government in Church and State, as by Law established, against all Traitors, Conspirators, and Your Majesties Enemies whatsoever.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the County of Cambridge.

Great Sir,

WE the Lord-Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Grand Jury, for Your Majesties County of Cambridge, Do once more in all Humility approach your Royal Presence, with Hearts full of Joy for the timely discovery of the most Execrable and Bloody Conspiracy against the Lives of your Sacred Person and of your Dear and Royal Brother the Duke of York; Beseeching Your Majesty to believe there are not within Your Dominions any Subjects which bear more true Allegiance and dutiful Affections to Your Person and Government, than within your County of Cambridge, or that will be more ready (as in Duty Bound) to attest their Loyalty with the hazard of their Lives and Fortunes (at all times) against all Traiterous and Rebellious Associations whatsoever. And we do further (most Dread Sir) after this our dutiful Congratulation of Your Safety, pray to the Almighty God, that as He hath hitherto most Miraculously preserved your Royal Person from the Secret Confederacies, and Machinations of Republicans and Dissenters. He would still continue His Care and Providence over Your Majesty, that You may Reign for very many Years over us, and that the Imperial Crown of this Kingdom may never depart from your Royal Line.

The humble Address of Your Majesties most Loyal Subjects, the Deputy-Lieutenants, and Militia Officers of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tine.

Dread Sovereign,

SInce Heaven by a Miraculous Providence has lately preserved your Sacred Majesty and Royal Brother, from one of the Blackest Conspiracies Hell ever Contrived, or Fanatick Fury could Foment, We should be in some sort Guilty of the same, if we did not joyn most heartily with the rest of Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, in returning our most publick and Solemn Thanks to the King of Kings, who by this and many other Stupendious Deliverances, has signally owned His Vicegerent here on Earth, and taught even the worst of Men what Allegiance is due to the best of Princes.

And that we may not be altogether ungrateful to that most Benign and most Gracious Government we live under, We here publickly declare our just Abhorrence of all Fanatick Conventicling Traitors; of whom it may be truly said, as it was once said of the Popes, That they were always Enemies unto Princes

And because we can never hope to enjoy the sweet and peaceable Influences of the best Government in the World so long as there are such Sectaries amongst us, whose Principles are Notoriously Seditious, and who are ready upon all occasions to invite and abet the Hellish Designs of all Ambitious, Discontented, or Atheistical Persons, we, as in Duty bound, do with all Sincerity and Humility devote our Lives and Fortunes to Your Majesties Service, being ready with the last drop of Blood that runs in our Veins, to defend Your Majesties most Sacred Person, Your Heirs and all lawfull Successors, against all Fanatick Associations and Hellish Conspiracies whatsoever.

We conclude all with our most ardent and unfeigned Prayers to Heaven, That God, who gives Salvation unto Princes, may still preserve Your most Sacred Majesty under the Almighty Wings of His Special Protection, and so continue unto us the greatest Blessings that ever were enjoyed by the happiest Subjects in the World, by being Governed by such excellent Laws both in Church and State.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of Your Majesties Borough of Bodmin in the County of Cornwall, being filled with Horror and Astonishment at the News of the monstrous and dreadful Conspiracy against Your Majesties Sacred Person, Your Royal Brother, and Government, Do presume humbly to declare our Abhorrency of the same, and we heartily bless God for the great Providence He hath shewn in your Majesties and Your Royal Brother's wonderful Deliverances; and we shall with all chearfulness perform our duties of Allegiance and Service to Your Majesty, Your Heirs and lawful Successors, and with our Lives and Fortunes endeavour the Maintenance and Preservation of your Crown, and Royal Person, and Government both in Church and State, as by Law established.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of Pontefract, *in the* West-Riding *of the County of* York.

THat Your Sacred Majesties Preservation hath been the Immediate Care of Heaven (from the first Auspicious Star at Your Majesties happy Birth to this day) is convincingly Impressed upon the Spirits of all Your Majesties Loyal Subjects, by the many and many Deliverances your Majesty hath had from the Hostile Assaults, and Secret Contrivances of the most Inhumane of Men, that by nothing but Diabolical Instigation could have been wrought up to that degree of Villany, to Conspire the Death of their most Gracious Soveraign, who with so Incomparable Clemency and Conduct, hath brought to His Dominions all the Blessings, the Dutiful, Vertuous, and Just, could in their most deliberate wishes, desire and pray for.

Notwithstanding which, we too manifestly find, that for several Years by past, under Specious Disguises, Persons of Antimonarchical Principles, and Traiterous Enemies to your Majesties Person, and your Royal Family, have endeavoured to Subvert the blessed Government (under which we pray we and our Remotest Posterities may dutifully live) and of late (which with Amazement and Horror we reflect on) have Conspired the Death of your Sacred Majesty, and His Royal Highness; For whose Miraculous Deliverances (with all the fervours of Souls Extasi'd with Joy, and filled with Religious and Zealous thankfulness) we humbly acknowledge God Almighty's unspeakable Mercies, in the disappointment of that most horrid and bloody Conspiracy; And with Spirits justly rais'd to an Indignation against such Conspirators, (according to our bounden Duty) in all Allegiance, assure your Sacred

Majesty,

Majesty, that to the utmost of our powers, with our Lives and Fortunes, we will endeavour the Preservation of Your Majesties Person, His Royal Highness, Your Royal Family, and Your Government; and are firmly resolved to pay all Obedience to Your Majesties Person, your Throne, and the Succession of the Imperial Diadem in the direct Line; With great Resentment abhorring and detesting all Associations to the contrary; and do fully resolve, and solemnly oblige our selves, that we will use our best endeavours (when your Majesty in your Princely Wisdom shall think fit to call a Parliament) to chuse only such for Members of it, as have exhibited clear and evident Demonstrations of their abhorrence of the late Association; which we judge to have been the Foundation of this late Barbarous Conspiracy; and will use what Industry we can, to Detect and Apprehend such as by Your Majesty's Proclamations We have notice of, or any others that appear to be Guilty. Desiring to live no longer than we may approve our selves to God, to Your Majesty, and all the World,

(Dread Sir)

Your Majesties most Humble, most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects.

And we have caused our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed, the Twelfth day of July, in the Five and thirtieth Year of Your Majesties most happy Reign, Anno; Dom. 1683.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The most humble Address of the Mayor, the Recorder, the Aldermen, the Sheriffs, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the County-Borough of Carmarthen.

THough scituated far from your Court and the splendor of Your Majesties Presence, yet at this distance we are Cherished by the Gracious Rays of your Soveraign power, as the obscure parts of the Earth are by the diffusive beams of the Sun; Though other Corporations have got the start of us in speedier Addresses, yet none can precede or excel us in unblemisht Loyalty and Fidelity to the Scepter, or in a passionate Detestation of the late horrid Conspiracy against the precious Lives of Your Sacred Majesty, and His Royal Highness.

Being transported with an amazement of Joy and Solace, we cordially Congratulate this Miraculous Deliverance from an Enormity and Prodigy of Treason, complicated with Perjury, the Cruelty of Blood-thirsty Men (rather Fiends Incarnate) Monsters of Mischief and Ingratitude, not Regulated by the restraints of any Laws, nor capable of being won by the obligements of any favours.

We apprehend this not only a Personal, but a National Preservation extended to our selves and our Posterities, a wonful prevention of Tumults and Rapines, of Murders, and Massacres, not to be paralell'd by the Parisian Matins, or Sicilian Vespers. Hereby the Machivilian contrivances of imbitter'd, envenom'd Male-Contents of Republican Bouteseus (unceasant Incendiaries, the Jesuites disciples in Masquerade) are Providentially detected, Hagger'd the Fanaticks pious pretences in the espousals and pursuits of the most Barbarous Villanies, (abominable even to Pagan Subjects) are unmasqu'd Conventicles, fondly enamour'd with by miserably deluded Souls, are experimentally evidenced to be Schools of Schism and Disobedience to Authority, Seminaries of Sedition, Insurrection, the indelible blots and scandals to the profession of Religion, making it a pretence for the most inexcusable Rebellion against so merciful a King, a mirrour of compassionate Candour abundantly exerted, even where it hath been least merited.

Our Lives and Fortunes are devoted to the safety of Your Majesties Person, to the support of your Royal Throne, with our additional Prayers, that God may vouchsafe his Guardian-Angels for the constant protection of Your Majesty and your Royal Brother; That the Divine Wisdom may infatuate the Plots, baffle the Enterprizes of all Traiterous Conspirators, that upon Your Self, your Heirs, your lawful Successors, in an uninterrupted, uneclips'd Monarchy the Crown may ever flourish.

Passaw, August 25. This Morning their Imperial Majesties parted from hence for Lintz, where the Empress will remain, while the Emperor goes on to meet the King of Poland, who is expected at Kremps the 29th of this Month, and the next day it's said the whole Army will pass the Danube on three Bridges between Krembs and Tulne. General Dunewaldt has regained a very important Post in the Great of Vienna, and is raising several Fortifications to secure it, in which he employs 3000 Boors.

A Letter from the Count *de Starenburg* Governor of *Vienna*, to the Duke of *Lorrain*, Dated *August* 18. 1683.

GOD be thanked one of my Letters has had the good fortune to come to your Highnesses hands, You would have received many more since the 22 past, had I found persons fit to carry them, in which many have miscarried, and it will not be my fault if your Highness be not oftener and better informed for the future. That your Highness may at present know our Condition, I will first tell you, That hitherto we have disputed every foot of ground with the Enemy, and what they have gained, they have paid dear for, having, as often as they attempted to lodge themselves, been very vigorously repulsed by us with our Swords in our Hands, with so great loss on their side, that they now hardly dare shew themselves out of the Holes and Hills with which they have surrounded their Attack of the Counterscarp. Your Highness understood by my last that the Enemy had made a descent into the Ditch of the Ravelin, and that they blew up part of the Wall; where, as they did then, so have several times since made an Assault, but, God be thanked, without success. We have likewise several times beaten them from the Post they had taken at the foot of the Breach, but as soon as our Men retired, they returned thither again; I have thereupon used what precaution I could, and have caused Tits to be made in the Point of the Ravelin, and done whatever else might most annoy the Enemy. I have done the like in the Bastions they attack, where they have at yet gained no ground, remaining still on the edge of the Counterscarpe. The 14th. they made a descent into the Ditch before the Bastion, called Lobl, and the same night they made another great Lodgment in the Ditch; whereupon perceiving that we could no much incommode them there neither with our great or small Shot, because they lay too low in the ground, I employed our Cannon against their Works, that secured their passage into the Ditch, and attacking them three several times, we beat them from thence; In the first Attack our Men were not strong enough to ruine their Works but in the second towards evening, we ruined part of their Works, and in the third, which we made in the night, we destroyed all their Works, and the Wind being favourable, burnt their Gabions, and almost all their Gallery, and since that they have not made any farther Attack upon the Ravelin on that side. Yesterday they sprang a Mine, but without any success. We have made in the middle of the Ravelin a good Retrenchment with a good Ditch. The Bastions of Lobl and that of the Court, have likewise double Retrenchments, and I am now making a great Retrenchment behind these two Bastions, so that your Highness may see we are not wanting in any thing on our part, and I assure you I will never surrender the place but with the last drop of my Blood. For the rest our Men do not fear the Enemy, and thanks be to God, 30 and 40 of ours, have always beaten and dislodged 100 of theirs. This day was brought to me a Janizary prisoner, who, among other things, tells me, that they have lost in the Attacks they have made 11000 men, a great many Officers and Janizaries, and the Bassa's of Mesopotamia and Albania, and that they begin to suffer very much for want of Forage and Victuals, which they are forced to go a great way for, and that they are expecting a convoy from Natolia: For what concerns my self, I have had the Bloody flux these eight days, but am at present somewhat better; however that made me not neglect my Duty, for I was carried where I could not go. Your Highness will comfort us with your presence, and do me the favor to believe that I am, &c.

V. S.